

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

On Saturday, September 24th, the clouds gathered in the early afternoon and provided some much needed rain. For a while, our Village Family Fun Day looked in doubt. But at 4:05 p.m., as if the voices of all of our children had collectively appealed to nature, the sun burst through the clouds and smiled upon this special place we call Indian Head Park.

Over two-hundred people joined us throughout Family Fun Day (and many pets!) The Village Board of Trustees wish to thank and specifically acknowledge the following for a job well done: **KATHY LEACH, NICK VILLARREAL, BRIDGET ANSELMO, COMMISSIONER DIANE ANDREWS, COMMISSIONER NOREEN COSTELLOE, RACHEL PELLEGRINO, IHP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE IHP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

We also gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our event sponsors: **TOWNSHIP OF LYONS COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, 7-11/CITGO, WILLIAM F. GURRIE & CO., BURKE ENGINEERING and QUINLAN & CARROLL.**

The month of September also ushered in a number of significant events in the Village of Indian Head Park. First, on September 8, 2005, Acting Chief of Police **PATRICK M. CROWLEY** was appointed Chief of Police by the undersigned with the advice and unanimous consent of the Village Board of Trustees. Chief Crowley has served the IHP Police Department for 17 years; the last six years of which serving as its senior sergeant.

In making the appointment, I characterized Chief Crowley utilizing the acronym that he is a real **A.C.E.** – that is, a person of superior Attitude, Character and Enthusiasm. We wish Chief Crowley all of the best of success.

On September 11, 2005, **TRUSTEE JOE REDA** tendered his resignation which was accepted on September 12th. Dr. Joe Reda will be assuming the awesome responsibility of medical staff president for the Adventist Hinsdale – LaGrange Hospitals on January 1, 2006. In his letter of September 11th, Dr. Reda stated: "I thank the residents of Indian Head Park for allowing me to serve twice as trustee. I see it as a civic privilege to have been entrusted with such an honor." As such, Dr. Joe Reda has given the fullest measure of his professionalism to the Village and all of the residents of Indian Head Park are grateful for his 10 years of public service. If one were to create the ideal dictionary, next

to the words "public service", there would be a photograph of Dr. Joe Reda.

Also, in September, the group of ultimate professional first-responders, our very own **PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, was dispatched to New Orleans for 14 days.

Along with the 598 team members of the Illinois Task Force, we give a standing ovation to **FIRE CHIEF DAN HERMES, BATTALION CHIEF ED SWITALSKI, LIEUTENANT KEVIN MULLIGAN, FIREFIGHTER GARY GARWOOD, FIREFIGHTER STEVE NORVILAS, FIREFIGHTER ZACHARY RIDDLE** and "LOUIE" the Dalmatian.

The Task Force was mobilized in 12 hours and actually working in the field within 24 hours. **AMERICA THANKS YOU!!**

Thanking all of you, our residents, for the privilege of serving as your Mayor, I remain

Sincerely, Richard F. Pellegrino

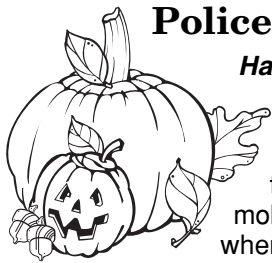


The Indian Head Park and Western Springs Aging Well teams have joined together to offer an educational program to discuss the new Medicare benefit program. The program will take

place on Monday, October 17th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Western Springs Recreation Center at 1500 Walker Street in Western Springs.

Bob Spain, health benefits specialist with Southwest Suburban Center on Aging will discuss what the new Medicare drug benefit covers, monthly premiums, and factors to consider before you enroll. The program is free and light refreshments will be served.

Aging Well is a grassroots initiative started in 2001 by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging. The project's goal is to create elder-friendly communities and to provide an environment in which people can age well. Teams of concerned citizens from towns located throughout the greater Lyons Township work together to address the needs in their communities and improve services to older adults.



## Police Department Briefing

**Halloween Safety Tips:** Children should trick-or-treat in a group or with an adult, costumes should be bright in color with reflective markings, costumes should not obstruct the view of mobility of the child, visit only houses where lights are on, accept treats only from the doorway and never go inside a

house, cross the street in well lit areas, carry a flashlight and wait until you get home to have your parents check your candy before eating treats. **School is back in session.**

**Remember:** Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to pick-up or drop-off children. Motorists, please slow down and prepare to stop for these vehicles. Passing a school bus while it is loading or unloading passengers is against the law. Motorists can be fined and have their license suspended for violating this law. **Please slow down!** Watch for children who may be walking to school especially in areas where there are no sidewalks.

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Teepee Topics news items should be submitted to the Newsletter Coordinator at the Municipal Offices.

Full page advertisements - \$200.00, 1/2 page advertisements - \$125.00, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" size advertisements - \$75.00, business card size advertisements - \$45.00, trading post advertisements - \$20.00 (no commercial advertisements - the advertisement will run two times at no cost, then a \$20.00 charge).

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**Deadline date for the next issue is November 10, 2005.**

[www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov)

### VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK

201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park, IL 60525  
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<b>Mayor:</b>	Richard F. Pellegrino	
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<b>Village Clerk:</b>	Norman Schnauffer	
<b>Chief of Police:</b>	Patrick Crowley	
<b>Police Dept.</b>	Non-Emergency	246-4534
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## **Scheduled Meeting Dates**

**Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:**

Thursday, October 13, 2005

Thursday, November 10, 2005

**Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:**

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

**E-911 Board 6:30 p.m.:**

Thursday, December 15, 2005

**Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:**

Thursday, November 3, 2005

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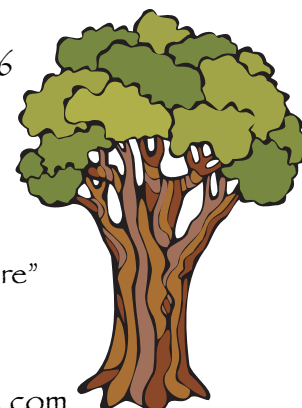
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## NOTEWORTHY LETTERS

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September 1, 2005

Mr. Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor  
And Board of Trustees  
Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525

Dear Mr. Pellegrino and Board of Trustees:

I would like to commend the fine efforts and professionalism exhibited by the Public Works Staff. Ed Santen and his assistant Bill along with the other members of his staff served our Association in an outstanding manner during our recent crisis.

We developed a serious water leak in our pump room at our condo building with 104 units affected. Plumbers were called in, and we contracted with Paul C. Adler to do the work for us on Wednesday, August 31. Ed Santen was contacted on Tuesday, August 30 at about 9:30 a.m. Within 15 minutes, Ed was on site noting the problem we were having and agreed the work needed to be done immediately.

Through Ed and his staff's credit, we were able to go forward with the work with such short notice. The Public Works Staff also made arrangements to order new meters for us, and they were at our site on Wednesday as needed. The water was shut off at 11:00 a.m., and service was fully restored by 4:30 p.m. At approximately 5:00 p.m., the water was tested at our building by Bill from the Public Works Staff and found to be in compliance within acceptable standards.

The Pleasantview Fire Protection District Staff was most courteous and helpful to us in putting our fire alarm system out of service and back into service when the project was completed.

The Board of Trustees must feel proud to have outstanding people working for the Village of Indian Head Park. Thanks to all of you we averted a situation that could have been very damaging.

Sincerely,

*Allen D. Sheehan*  
Allen D. Sheehan, President

### PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, in 1995, Community Memorial Foundation was founded and subsequently located in Hinsdale, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Community Memorial Foundation is dedicated to improving the health and well being of people who live and work in the twenty-seven (27) communities in its target area of western Cook and southeastern DuPage counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Memorial Foundation works with these communities to promote positive youth development, strengthen families, encourage community cohesiveness, support older adults, and assure access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Community Memorial Foundation works in partnership with non-profit organizations to develop, implement, and sustain creative programs and services that have a measurable impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Community Memorial Foundation has created its Annual Fund Achievement Program to help organizations improve their capacity to raise funds and thereby strengthen their serve to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard F. Pellegrino, on behalf of the residents of Indian Head Park, issue this proclamation on the occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in celebration, recognition, and appreciation of the important services provided by Community Memorial Foundation and the non-profit organizations it services by declaring October 3, 2005 to be "Non-Profit Organization Day."

Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor  
Village of Indian Head Park



**SA LF**  
Save A Life Foundation

Carol J. Spizzirri  
Founder / President

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22 August 2005

The Honorable Richard F. Pellegrino  
Mayor  
Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park IL 60525-4498

Thank you!

Dear Mayor Pellegrino:

On behalf of the entire Save A Life Foundation, a member of the U.S. Homeland Security's Citizen Corps, I would like to thank you for proclaiming September 2005 as "Save A Life Month".

Every Mayor, Village President, Governor and Municipality has the key to release emergency preparedness within his or her community, especially in the schools. This key has the force to give citizens, especially schoolchildren, the opportunity to respond and assist during life-threatening emergencies.

Giving citizens, especially kids, the tools needed to aid during emergencies will help build self confidence when confronted with an emergency and assure that no child, parent, grandparent, loved one, neighbor or friend are ever left behind.

The Save A Life Foundation knows "your" voice has immense value, respect and trust among the citizens that you serve, and for that alone, we are grateful to have your support.

By proclaiming "Save A Life Month" for your community you are increasing awareness for emergency preparedness as well as encouraging all citizens, especially children, to be trained in basic life-supporting first aid skills, including CPR and the Heimlich maneuver.

To learn more about the Save A Life Foundation, along with special events taking place during September 2005 "Save A Life Month", call us at 847-928-9683 or visit our website at www.salf.org.

Thank you for joining the fight to "Save A Life".

Sincerely,  
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## TEEPEE TOPICS

At the Thursday, September 8, 2005 Village Board meeting the Indian Head Park Homeowners Association presented the Village Board with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be used for the purposes of enhancing the passive park at the corner of Plainfield and Wolf Roads. As you know, the passive park is a work in progress and the donation from the Indian Head Park Homeowners Association is very much appreciated!

### **Avoid a Stroke in Just 10 Minutes!**

For those who are interested, the Township of Lyons will host a health screening for stroke prevention on Tuesday, October 18th. On that day, Life Line Screening will scan the carotid artery in the neck for plaque build up, which can lead to Stroke, (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage) and the arteries in the legs for peripheral arterial disease, which is linked to heart disease. They also offer a third test for aneurysm in the aortic vessel in the abdomen. This is a preventive program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you and referred back to your own doctor. These tests, which are non-invasive, completely painless and take only about ten minutes each, are offered for forty-five dollars each. Purchase the three vascular screenings for \$109 — a savings of \$26. Reservations required. **Please call 1-800-324-1851** or send an e-mail to: [hbolton5@comcast.net](mailto:hbolton5@comcast.net) for an appointment as this screening will fill quickly.

**Open Burning Regulations:** This is the season when the leaves are beginning to change colors and will soon be

falling from the trees. The Village's leaf program will be starting very soon and a schedule of pick-up dates is included in this issue of Smoke Signals. The Village does not prohibit burning of natural wood in outdoor fire pits for recreational purposes. However, outdoor open burning of organic refuse, landscape waste and other types of refuse is prohibited.

**Protect Your Identity and Protect Yourself.** Millions of Americans every year become victims of identity theft. Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan provided the following information to help prevent identity theft: Do not give personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Do not give out your Social Security number or Medicare number unless absolutely necessary. Do shred or cut up personal information before discarding. Shred all "pre-approved" credit card applications. Do carry only the credit cards you plan to use and review your credit report regularly. Do pick up your mail as soon as possible. Always send mail from a secure mailbox or local post office.

**The Acacia Association** will be hosting an "Acacia Pride Housewalk" on October 23, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Four Acacia models that have been remodeled or renovated will be open for display and refreshments will be served. There is a \$10.00 entrance fee and all money will be donated to the Community Nurse Health Association. For further details, please contact the Acacia Association at (708) 246-2400.

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